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List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Hungary under article 8, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict

The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information (15 pages maximum), if possible before 15 June 2014.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party.

1. Please provide information on the content of the courses conducted in secondary grammar schools and universities by the Hungarian Defence Forces Central Recruitment and Registry Command, and on the content of the "KatonaSuli" classes (lessons on military issues). Please indicate whether the courses involve training in weapons handling.

2. Please provide information on higher military institutions in the State party, including the minimum age of admission, and indicate whether students under the age of 18, if admitted, are subject to military discipline and punishment.

3. With regard to the newly established military school in Debrecen, please clarify:

(a) The minimum age of admission;

(b) The proportions of academic and military training, including training in weapons handling, on the curricula;

(c) Whether pupils are subject to military discipline and punishment;

(d) Whether pupils have access to an independent complaints and investigation mechanism.

4. Please indicate whether members of the Hungarian Defence Forces deployed in peacekeeping missions abroad receive training on the provisions of the Optional Protocol.

5. Please provide detailed information on mechanisms for the early identification of children who are refugees, asylum seekers or migrants and who may have been recruited or used in hostilities abroad. Please provide information on steps taken to provide for their

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physical and psychological recovery and rehabilitation and to promote their reintegration into society.

6. Please indicate whether national legislation prohibits the trade and export of arms, including small arms and light weapons, and military assistance to countries where children are involved in armed conflict.

7. Please indicate whether the State party can establish and exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction over all offences under the Optional Protocol.